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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/583,087
Filing Date	February 1, 2000
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI
Group Art Unit	2815
Examiner Name	J. Jackson, Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	0756-2203

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1160.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 and
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	750	201	375	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	520	207	260	Plant filing fee	
108	750	208	375	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims -20** = X = Fee Paid

Independent Claims -3** = X =

Multiple Dependent =

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	410	200	205	Extension for reply within second month	\$410.00
117	930	460	465	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,450	720	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,970	228	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
179	750	279	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$750.00
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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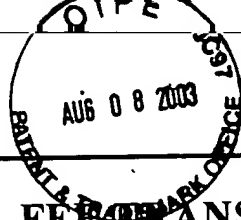
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**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

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Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	0756-2203

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of)

Art Unit: 2815

Shunpei YAMAZAKI)

Examiner: J. Jackson, Jr.

Serial No. 09/583,087)

Filed: February 1, 2000)

For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE)

AND METHOD FOR)

MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Official Action mailed March 6, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Two Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to August 6, 2003. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 5, 2000, February 15, 2001, March 15, 2001, March 22, 2001, August 15, 2001, November 2, 2001, June 21, 2002, October 16, 2002, and December 20, 2002. The Applicant awaits consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 3, 2003. Also, a further IDS is submitted herewith and careful review and consideration of this IDS is requested.

Claims 2-41 and 43-90 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 21-32 and 41 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Official Action rejects claims 21-41 and 43-90 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-46 of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,075 to Yamazaki in view of JP 2-234134 to Sumiyoshi, the article *An Active-Matrix LCD with Integrated Driver Circuits Using a-Si TFTs* by Akiyama, and U.S. Patent No. 5,656,826 to Misawa. While Applicants continue to traverse this rejection for the reasons of record

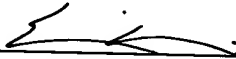
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previously submitted, Applicants are in any event preparing a Terminal Disclaimer and will submit the Disclaimer as soon as it is received from Japan. With the submission of this Terminal Disclaimer, the double patenting rejection is believed to be overcome and reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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